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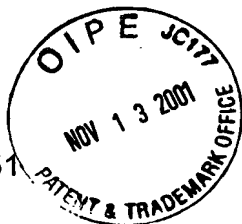
In re Application of

MURPHY ET AL

Serial No. 09/554,451

Filed: May 15, 2000

For: IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING
TO DETECTION OF MOLECULES
IN SAMPLES



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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2001, please amend the
above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 13-24 without prejudice.

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Please enter the following amended claims:

(Amended) A method of detecting the presence in a sample of a
polypeptide exogenously administered to a mammalian subject from whom the
sample is obtained, and distinguishing between such an exogenously administered
polypeptide and a naturally-occurring endogenous polypeptide present in the
sample; the method comprising obtaining a sample from the subject; and subjecting

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